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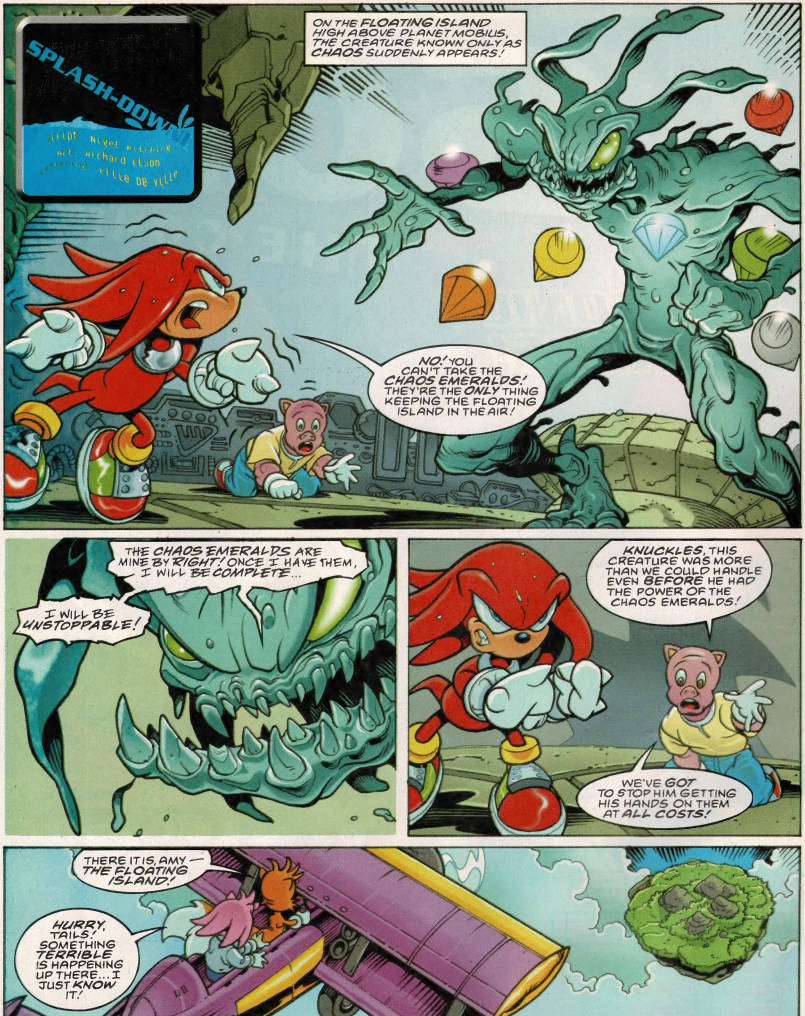
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ON THE FLOATING ISLAND HIGH ABOVE PLANET MOBILIS, THE CREATURE KNOWN ONLY AS CHAOS SUDDENLY APPEARS!
NO! YOU CAN'T TAKE THE CHAOS EMERALDS! THEY'RE THE ONLY THING KEEPING THE FLOATING ISLAND IN THE AIR!
THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE MINE BY RIGHT! ONCE I HAVE THEM, I WILL BE COMPLETE...
I WILL BE UNSTOPPABLE!
KNUCKLES, THIS CREATURE WAS MORE THAN WE COULD HANDLE EVEN BEFORE HE HAD THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM GETTING HIS HANDS ON THEM AT ALL COSTS!
THERE IT IS, AMY — THE FLOATING ISLAND!
HURRY, TAILS! SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS HAPPENING UP THERE... I JUST KNOW IT!

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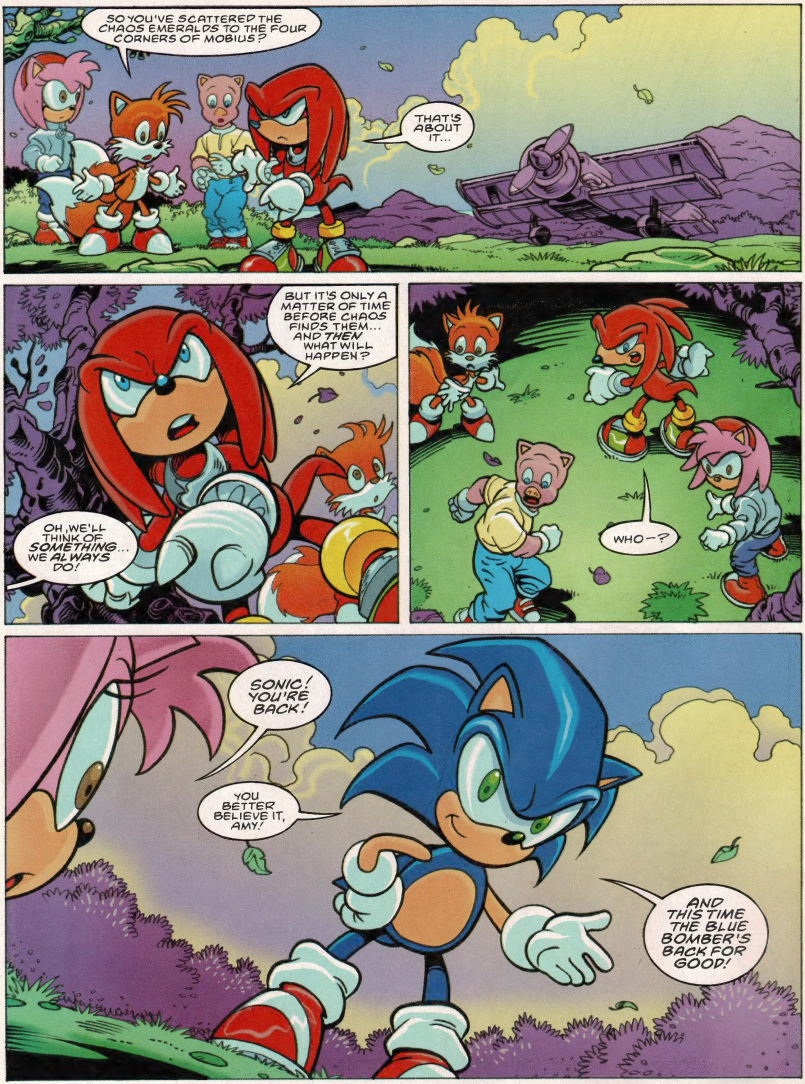
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO — I'LL HAVE TO EJECT THE EMERALDS!
BUT THAT WOULD MEAN THE FLOATING ISLAND IS DOOMED?!
IF CHAOS FINISHES ABSORBING THOSE EMERALDS, YOU'VE LOST THEM ANY-WAY!
YOU'VE GOT TO DO IT, KNUCKLES!
THERE... THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY, PORKER...
THERE ISN'T! YOU'VE GOT TO DO IT...
NOW!
KLUNK!
WHAT—?
NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!

SAFELY HIDDEN IN AN OBSCURE DIMENSION WE FIND DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AND GRIMER...
THIS IS REALLY WEIRD, MASTER...
IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE SHOOTING ACROSS THE PLANET, PURSUED BY THE CHAOS CREATURE!
SO THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE NO LONGER SAFELY PROTECTED ON THE FLOATING ISLAND.
INTERESTING...
YES, MASTER... AND CHAOS EMERALDS ARE THE MOST POWERFUL ENERGY SOURCE IN EXISTENCE!
COME, GRIMER, WE'VE SKULKED IN THIS DARK HOLE FOR LONG ENOUGH...
THIS COULD BE THE OPPORTUNITY WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
YES, MASTER... OH YES!

KNUCKLES, PORKER, WHAT'S HAPPENED?
AMY!
IT WAS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE FLOATING ISLAND AND TO KEEP THE CHAOS EMERALDS SAFE!
IT WAS MY LIFE'S WORK!
I'VE FAILED! THERE'S NO POINT GOING ON...
WITHOUT THE EMERALDS, THE FLOATING ISLAND WON'T STAY IN THE AIR FOR LONG!
SO YOU'D ALL BETTER GO... NOW!
I'M STAYING HERE... THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME TO LIVE FOR ANY-MORE!
RUM MM MM BLLL!
THIS IS IT... WE'RE GOING DOWN!
GO! GET OFF THE ISLAND WHILE YOU STILL CAN!
KNUCKLES, JUST GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE TO PERSUADE YOU...
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME...

BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
BLOP!

SPLAROOOSHHHH!!
I GUESS I WENT A LITTLE BIT CRAZY UP THERE...
THANKS, AMY.
HEY, IF A FRIEND CAN'T HIT YOU OVER THE HEAD WITH AN IRON BAR, WHO CAN?
STILL, NEXT TIME MAYBE YOU COULD TRY REASONING WITH ME?
I WAS IN A KIND OF HURRY...


SO YOU'VE SCATTERED THE CHAOS EMERALDS TO THE FOUR CORNERS OF MOBIUS?
THAT'S ABOUT IT...
BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE CHAOS FINDS THEM... AND THEN WHAT WILL HAPPEN?
OH, WE'LL THINK OF SOMETHING... WE ALWAYS DO!
WHO—?
SONIC! YOU'RE BACK!
YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT, AMY.
AND THIS TIME THE BLUE BOMBER'S BACK FOR GOOD!

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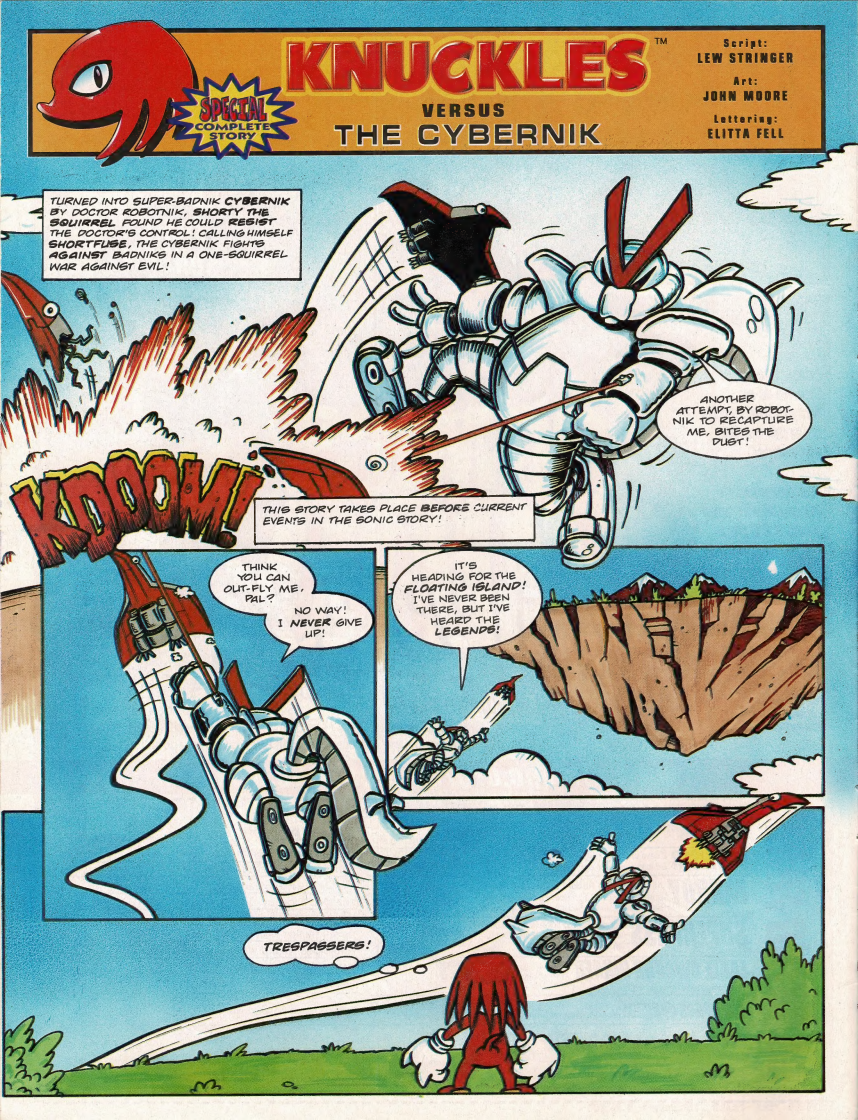
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VERSUS
THE CYBERNIK
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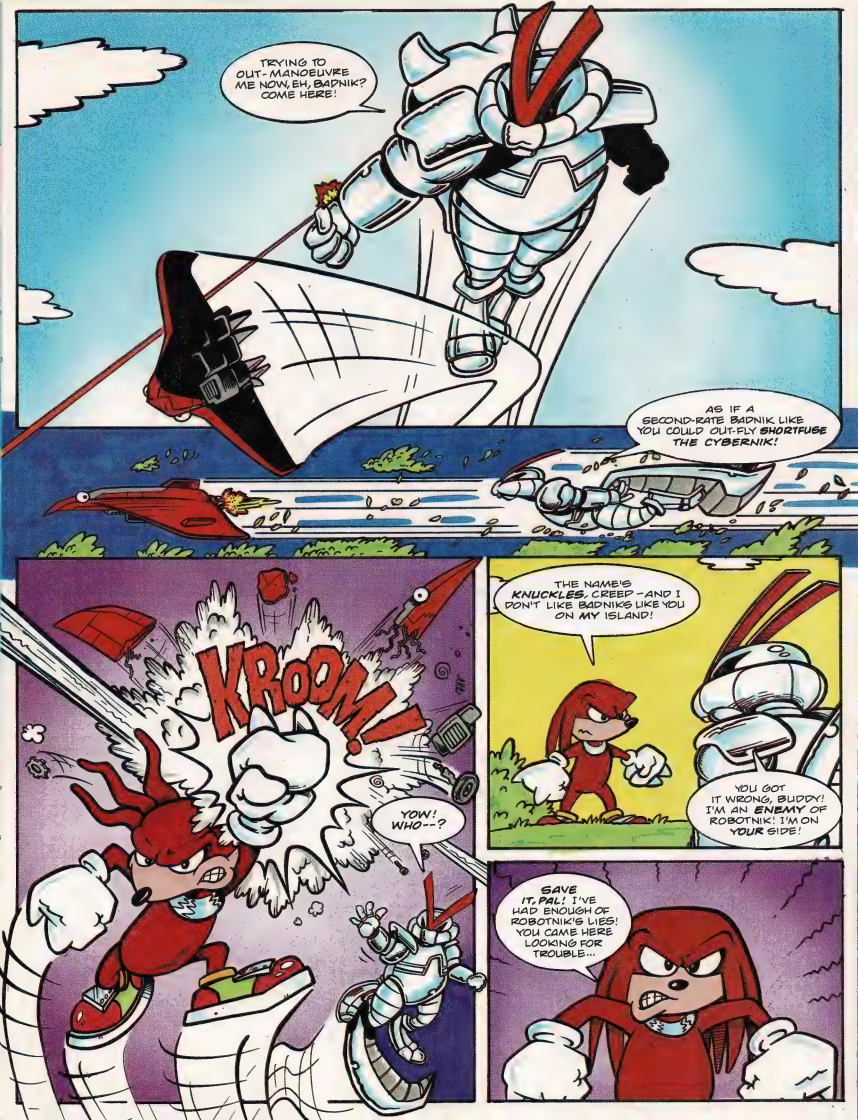
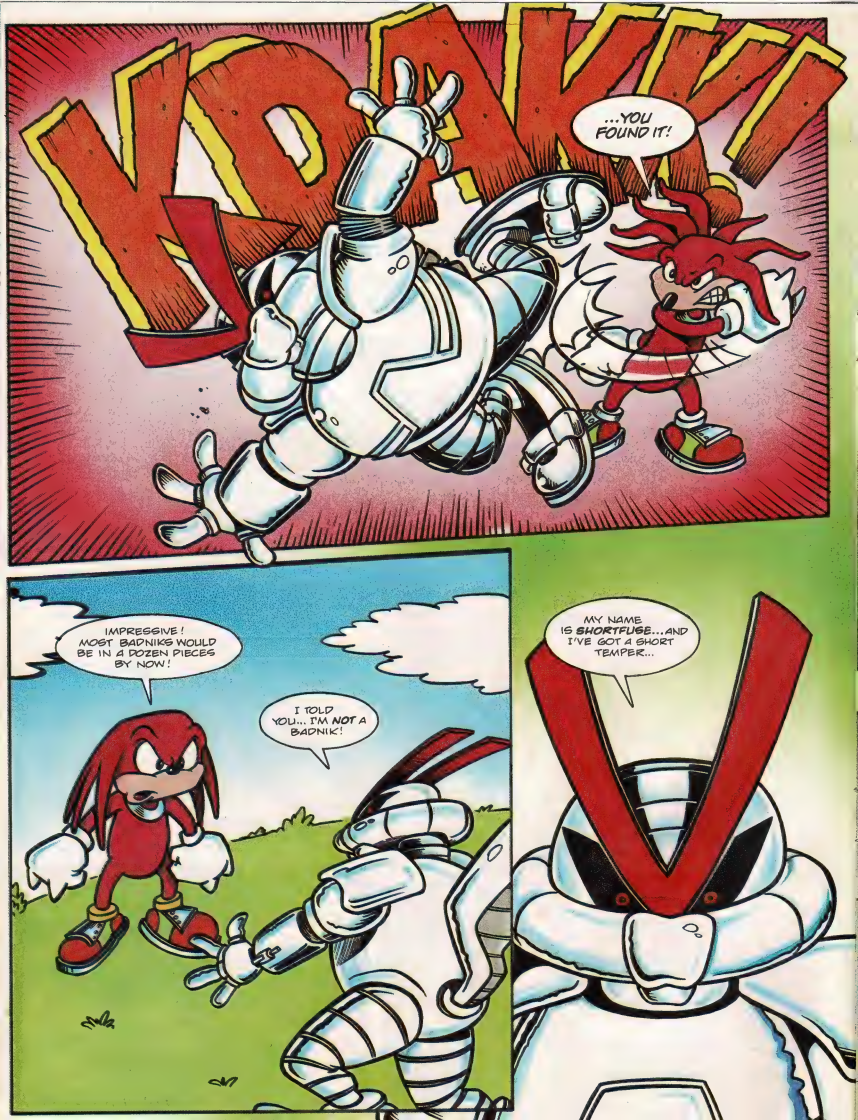
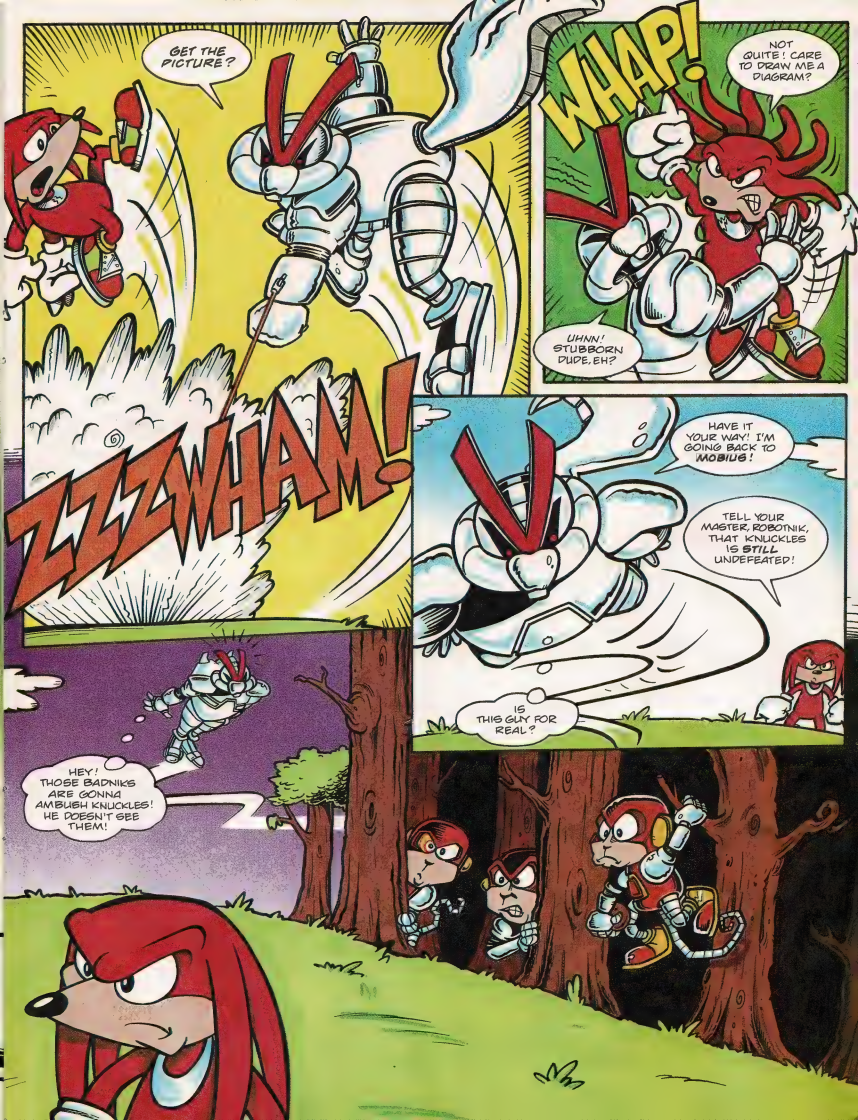
ANOTHER ATTEMPT, BY ROBOTNIK TO RECAPTURE ME, BITES THE DUST!
KDOOM!
THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE CURRENT EVENTS IN THE SONIC STORY!
THINK YOU CAN OUT-FLY ME, PAL?
NO WAY! I NEVER GIVE UP!
IT'S HEADING FOR THE FLOATING ISLAND! I'VE NEVER BEEN THERE, BUT I'VE HEARD THE LEGENDS!
TRESPASSERS!


TRYING TO OUT-MANOEUVRE ME NOW, EH, BADNIK? COME HERE!
AS IF A SECOND-RATE BADNIK LIKE YOU COULD OUT-FLY SHORTFUSE THE CYBERNIK!
KROOM!
YOW! WHO--?
THE NAME'S KNUCKLES, CREEP - AND I DON'T LIKE BADNIKS LIKE YOU ON MY ISLAND!
YOU GOT IT WRONG, BUDDY! I'M AN ENEMY OF ROBOTNIK! I'M ON YOUR SIDE!
SAVE IT, PAL! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF ROBOTNIK'S LIES! YOU CAME HERE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE...


KRAKOW!
...YOU FOUND IT!
IMPRESSIVE! MOST BADNIKS WOULD BE IN A DOZEN PIECES BY NOW!
I TOLD YOU... I'M NOT A BADNIK!
MY NAME IS SHORTFUSE... AND I'VE GOT A SHORT TEMPER...


GET THE PICTURE?
NOT QUITE! CARE TO DRAW ME A DIAGRAM?
WHAP!
UHHN! STUBBORN DUDE, EH?
ZZZWHAM!
HAVE IT YOUR WAY! I'M GOING BACK TO MOBIUS!
TELL YOUR MASTER, ROBOTNIK, THAT KNUCKLES IS STILL UNDEFEATED!
IS THIS GUY FOR REAL?
HEY! THOSE BADNIKS ARE GONNA AMBUSH KNUCKLES! HE DOESN'T SEE THEM!

BEHIND YOU, KNUCKLES!
FZZAMM!
WHA-?
WHY WOULD YOU ATTACK OTHER BADNIKS? UNLESS...
...UNLESS I WAS TELLING YOU THE TRUTH!
I... APOLOGISE FOR DOUBTING YOU! IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME TO TRUST OUTSIDERS!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD LEARN TO JUDGE A PERSON BY HIS ACTIONS, NOT BY HIS APPEARANCE!
YES, YOU HAVE A NOBLE SPIRIT, SHORTFUSE!
SOUNDS CORNY, BUT I CAN LIVE WITH THAT!
TIME I RETURNED TO MOBIUS. THANKS FOR THE WORKOUT, BUDDY!
A POWERFUL ALLY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST EVIL... BUT IF ROBOTNIK EVER FOUND A WAY TO CONTROL HIM, HE COULD BECOME THE DEADLIEST FORCE ON MOBIUS!
THE END
GET READY FOR KNUCKLES!

SPEED Lines

THE FOX ROCKS!

Dear Mr Prower,
It has come to my attention that you are not praised enough within the pages of Sonic The Comic, so I have decided to draw a lovely cute piccy of you so it can be printed in Speedlines.
Cecile "The Klonkmeister", Birkenhead

Pretty cool! Now how about a portrait of me - ?

MUSICAL BLUES!

Dear Sonic,
If Sega release the Sonic Adventure music CD, "I'm Blue" by Eiffel-65 could be on it! Sorry, awful joke... Love the new-look Sonic! All that's left now is for STC to review the Sonic Adventure game!
Shawn Martin, Southampton

Watch out for a full review of Sonic Adventure in a future issue of STC... plus the chance to win your own Dreamcast console!

DOUBLE TROUBLE!

Dear Sonic,
Knuckles is my fave character, but don't worry Sonic – I'm not saying I don't like you! I would like Sonic and Knuckles to team up again, like they did when they fought the Death Egg. The main thing I'd like you to do is make the artist Richard Elson!
Daniel Laughton, Orpington

You want it? You got it!

MISSING LINK!

Dear Sonic,
Me and my friends Frank, Tom and me have made a Sonic gang! When we play outside, I'm Sonic, Tom is Knuckles and Frank is Tails. We must be the biggest fans ever!
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ROGUE'S GALLERY!

Dear Sonic,
I made up a new bad guy – here's a picture. I've called him Spikeball, and he's one of Robotnik's helpers. His only weak spots are his laser eyes. What do you think?
Christopher Hatch, Bristol

Whoa, he's got laser eyes on his chest! That's one scary-looking dude... but I'd take him on any day!

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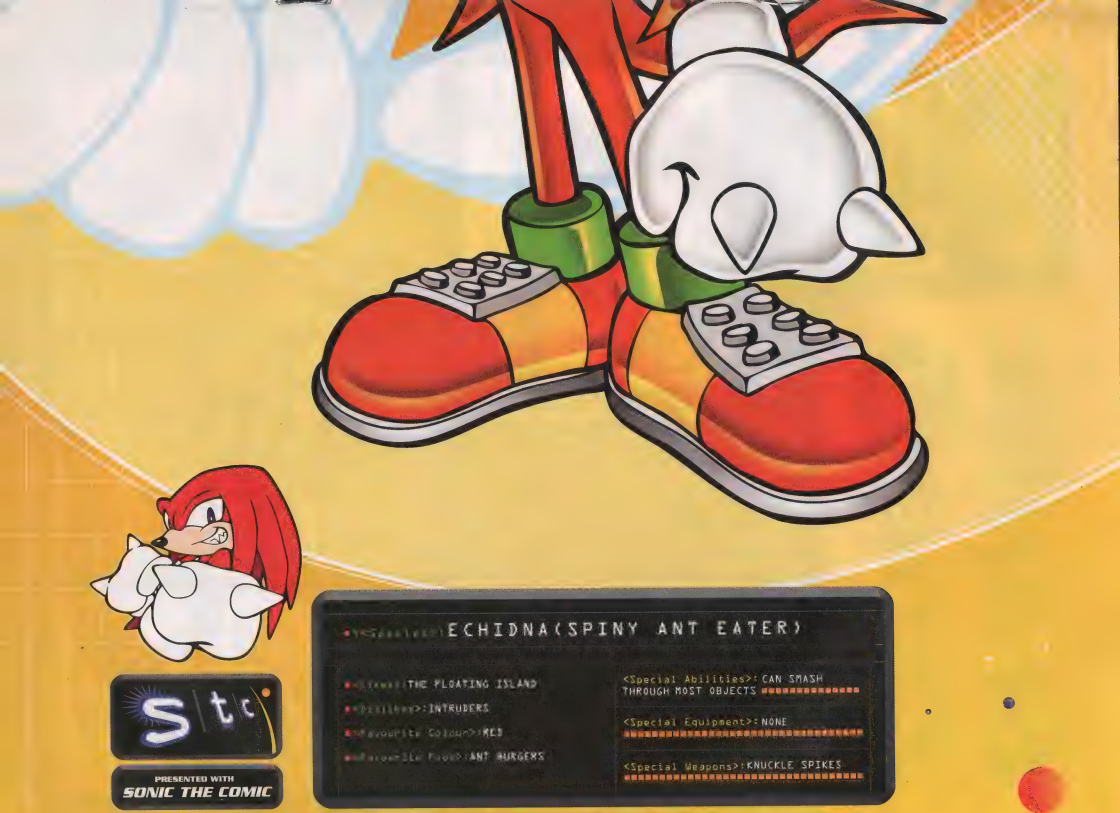
KNUCKLES

THE ECHIDNA



ECHIDNA(SPINY ANT EATER)

THE FLOATING ISLAND

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ANT BURGERS

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TAILS!
FOX ON THE RUN
Part 4
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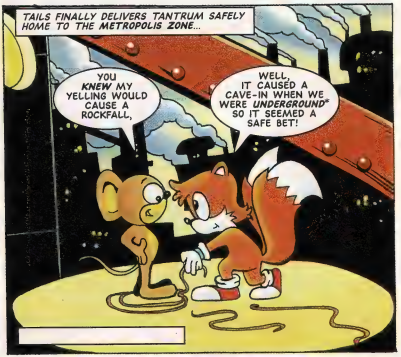
YOU CRITTERS SURE WILL FETCH ME A BIG REE-WARD FROM DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! 'SPECIALLY YOU, FOX! HYUK,
YEAH! YOU'RE EXPECTING ROBOTNIK TO HONOUR HIS DEBTS THEN, FLEABYTE?
WATCH WHUT YUH SAY ABOUT OUR GLORIOUS RULER, VARMINT! AIN'T NOBODY FAIRER THAN THE GOOD DOC AN' THAT'S A FACT!
I WONDERED IF I'D MEET ANYONE STUPID ENOUGH TO BELIEVE ROBOTNIK'S SIDE OF THE STORY!
SOB! WE'RE NOT GONNA GET OUT OF THIS ONE ARE WE, TAILS?
ERM... I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING, TANTRUM!
I'VE GOT TO FIGURE A WAY OUT OF THIS... TANTRUM IS DEPENDING ON ME!

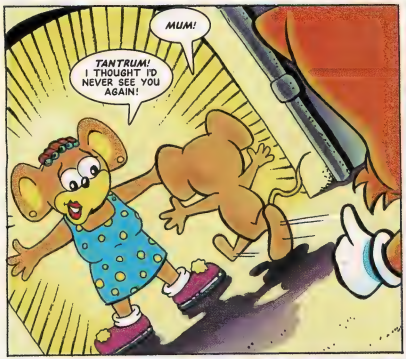
C'MON! ANOTHER FEW MILES AN' I CAN HAND YUH IN FER A *FAT REWARD!* HYUK, HYUK!
IF YOU WERE A *PROPER* BOUNTY HUNTER YOU'D HAVE A *HORSE!* OW! *OUCH!*
DRAG!
SHUT YUH SQUEAKIN', RODENT! I'LL BUY *LOTS* OF HORSES WHEN AH GET'S THE MONEY FER *YOU TWO!* HYUK!
NOW'S MY CHANCE!
YOU MAY HAVE TIED MY ARMS AND LEGS, BUT YOU FORGOT ABOUT MY *TAILS,* DUMBO!
WHU-? *COME BACK HERE, FOX!*
LET'S SEE HOW *YOU* LIKE BEING PULLED ALONG, FLEABYTE!
WHOOAA!
DARN VARMINT! I'LL BLAST YUH OUTTA THE SKY!

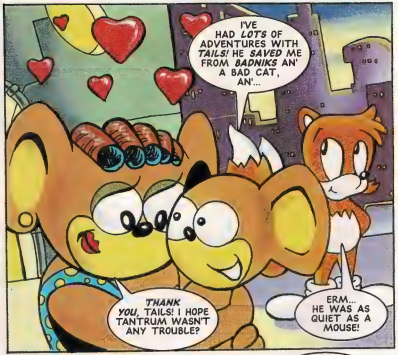
YIPES!
FZZAMM!
DARN! I'LL GET YUH NEXT TIME!
I DON'T THINK THERE'LL BE A SECOND CHANCE, CREEP! YOU JUST SHOT THROUGH THE ROPES!
AAAIIIEE!
IT AIN'T OVER YET, OUTLAW! US CATS HAVE A KNACK OF LANDIN' ON OUR FEET! HYUK, HYUK!
AH KIN STILL TAKE ONE PRISONER!
GULP!
TANTRUM! RUN! – ER... MAYBE YOU COULD HOP!
BACK OFF, FOX, – OR THE MOUSE GETS ONE GRANDPAPPY OF A HEADACHE!
SQUEAK!

D-- DON'T DO ANYTHING HASTY, FLEABYTE!
HYUK, HYUK! SURRENDER, OUTLAW, OR AH'M PULLIN' THE TRIGGER!
IF I HADN'T BEEN SO *SELFISH*, I WOULDN'T HAVE GOT US INTO THIS! GO, TAILS.. SAVE YOURSELF!
I'M NOT LEAVING NOW, LITTLE BUDDY!
TANTRUM, REMEMBER HOW YOU USED TO *SCREAM* WHEN YOU WERE IN TROUBLE? THAT MIGHT *HELP* US RIGHT NOW!
I DON'T GET IT, TAILS, BUT HERE GOES!
WAAAHHH!!
STOP YUH WAILIN', YUH -WUSSAT?
RRUMMBLE!
YUH PESKY RODENT! YUH WAILIN' CAUSED A *ROCKFALL!* *UGGH!*
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, TANTRUM!
RRUMMBLE!

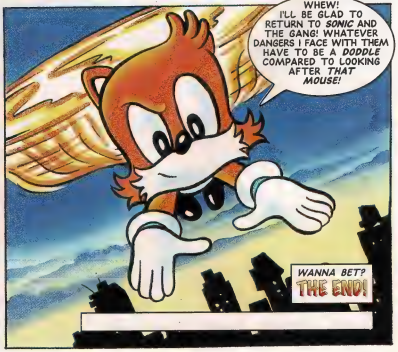
DUHH... DARN VARMINTS! OOH... MAH HEAD!


TAILS FINALLY DELIVERS TANTRUM SAFELY HOME TO THE METROPOLIS ZONE...
YOU KNEW MY YELLING WOULD CAUSE A ROCKFALL,
WELL, IT CAUSED A CAVE-IN WHEN WE WERE UNDERGROUND* SO IT SEEMED A SAFE BET!


MUM!
TANTRUM! I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN!


I'VE HAD LOTS OF ADVENTURES WITH TAILS! HE SAVED ME FROM BADNIKS AN' A BAD CAT, AN'...
THANK YOU, TAILS! I HOPE TANTRUM WASN'T ANY TROUBLE?
ERM... HE WAS AS QUIET AS A MOUSE!

HEY, TAILS! MAYBE I COULD BE YOUR PARTNER FOR LOTS MORE ADVENTURES?
ER... I DUNNO... ER... IS THAT THE TIME? MUST FLY!


WHEW! I'LL BE GLAD TO RETURN TO SONIC AND THE GANG! WHATEVER DANGERS I FACE WITH THEM HAVE TO BE A DOODLE COMPARED TO LOOKING AFTER THAT MOUSE!
WANNA BET?
THE END!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Rampage of Mekanik

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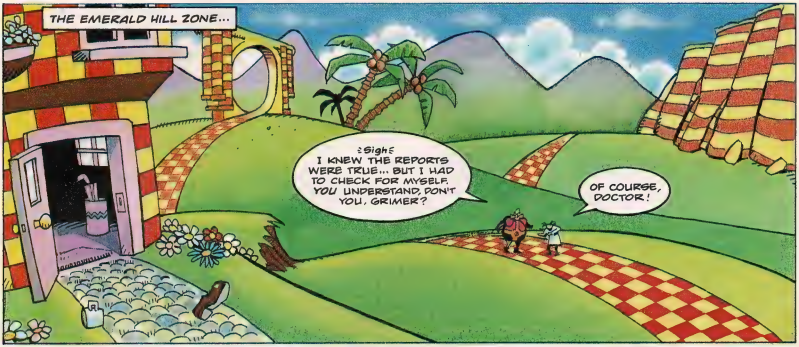
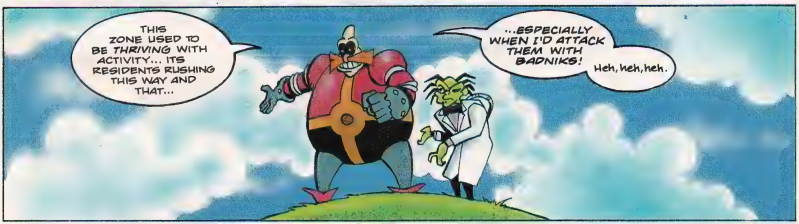
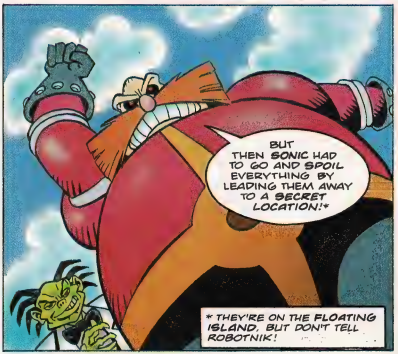
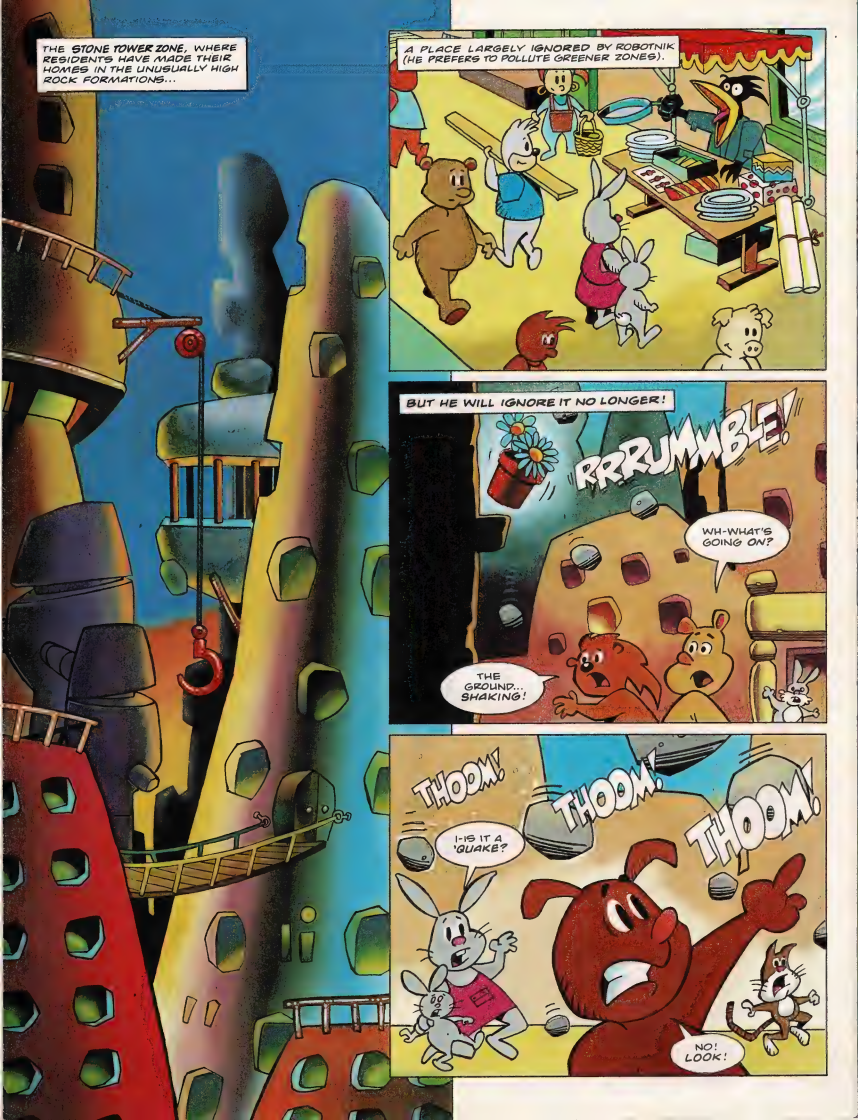

THE EMERALD HILL ZONE...
:Sigh: I KNEW THE REPORTS WERE TRUE... BUT I HAD TO CHECK FOR MYSELF. YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU, GRIMER?
OF COURSE, DOCTOR!

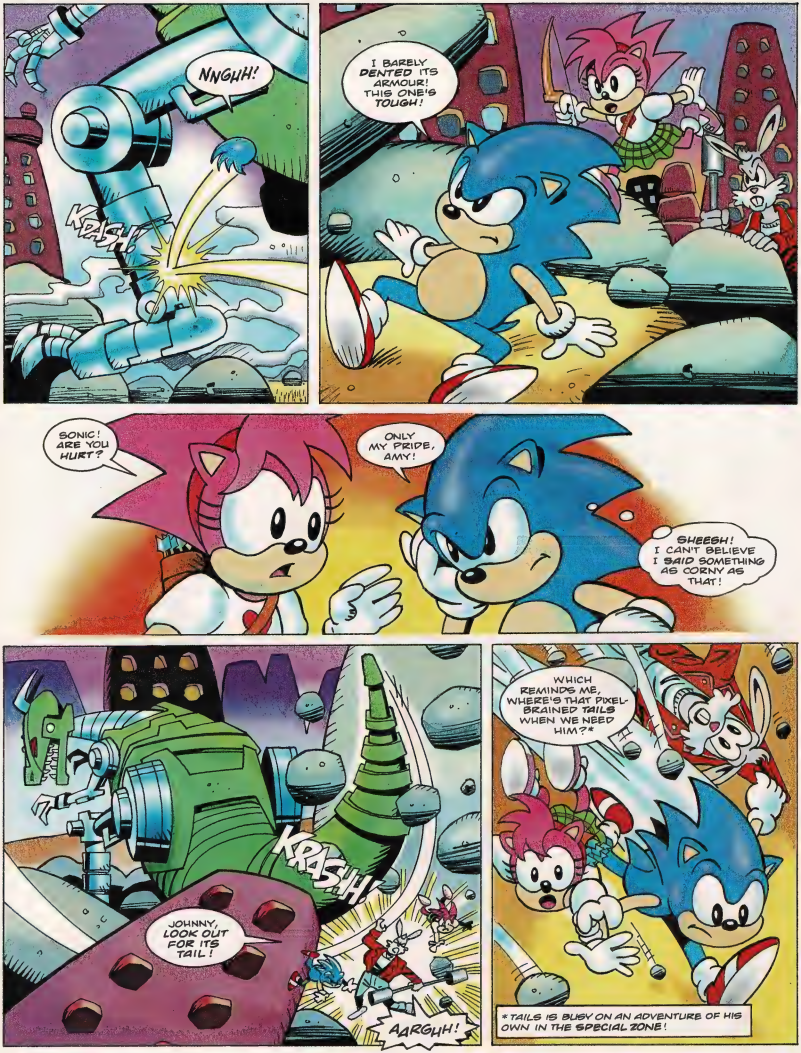

THIS ZONE USED TO BE THRIVING WITH ACTIVITY... ITS RESIDENTS RUSHING THIS WAY AND THAT...
...ESPECIALLY WHEN I'D ATTACK THEM WITH BADNIKS!
Heh, heh, heh.

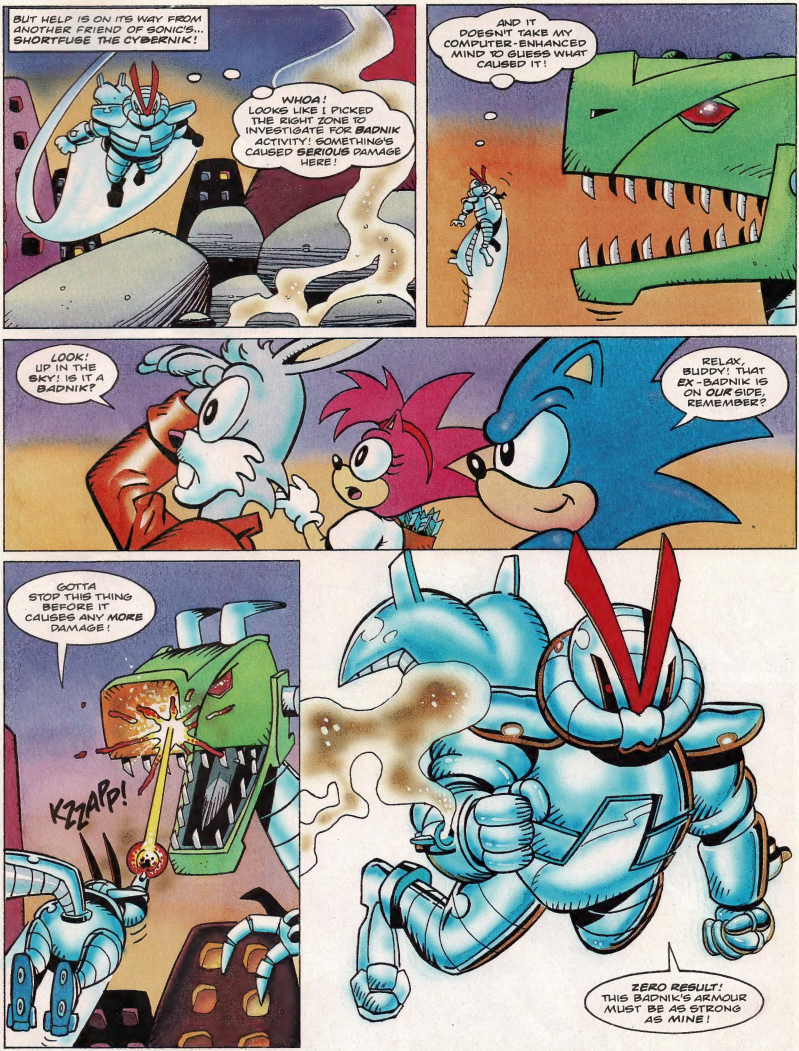

BUT THEN SONIC HAD TO GO AND SPOIL EVERYTHING BY LEADING THEM AWAY TO A SECRET LOCATION!*
* THEY'RE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND. BUT DON'T TELL ROBOTNIK!

NEVER MIND, SIR! YOU STILL HAVE PLENTY OF OTHER ZONES TO BRING CHAOS AND DISORDER TO!
YOU'RE RIGHT, GRIMER! TIME I STOPPED FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF AND DID SOMETHING DESTRUCTIVE!

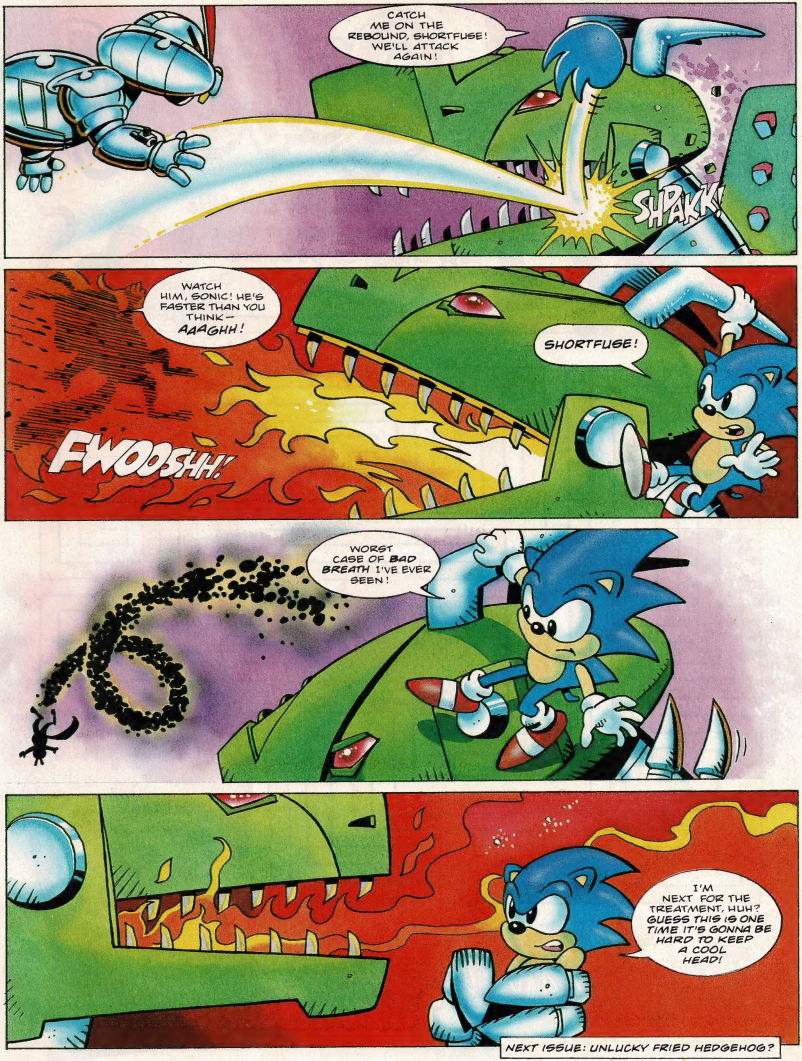

THE STONE TOWER ZONE, WHERE RESIDENTS HAVE MADE THEIR HOMES IN THE UNUSUALLY HIGH ROCK FORMATIONS...
A PLACE LARGELY IGNORED BY ROBOTNIK (HE PREFERS TO POLLUTE GREENER ZONES).
BUT HE WILL IGNORE IT NO LONGER!
RRRUMMBLE!
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE GROUND... SHAKING!
THOOM!
THOOM!
THOOM!
I-IS IT A 'QUAKE?
NO! LOOK!

THOOM!
BDASHH!
KRUMBLE!
GREETINGS, HAPPY RESIDENTS OF THE STONE TOWER ZONE! TODAY YOU HAVE THE HONOUR OF MEETING MY NEWEST CREATION...
MEKANIK!
THANKS A LOT!
BUT THE ZONE HAS SOME FAMILIAR VISITORS!
LOOKS LIKE THE RUMOUR WE HEARD ABOUT SOMETHING BIG GOING DOWN IS TRUE!
YEAH, THAT'S ONE BIG BADNIK ALL RIGHT...
...AND I'M JUST THE DUDE TO TAKE IT DOWN!


NNGHH!
KRASH!
I BARELY DENTED ITS ARMOUR! THIS ONE'S TOUGH!
SONIC! ARE YOU HURT?
ONLY MY PRIDE, AMY!
SHEESH! I CAN'T BELIEVE I SAID SOMETHING AS CORNY AS THAT!
KRASH!
JOHNNY, LOOK OUT FOR ITS TAIL!
AARGHH!
WHICH REMINDS ME, WHERE'S THAT PIXEL-BRAINED TAILS WHEN WE NEED HIM?*
* TAILS IS BUSY ON AN ADVENTURE OF HIS OWN IN THE SPECIAL ZONE!


BUT HELP IS ON ITS WAY FROM ANOTHER FRIEND OF SONIC'S... SHORTFUSE THE CYBERNIK!
WHOA! LOOKS LIKE I PICKED THE RIGHT ZONE TO INVESTIGATE FOR BADNIK ACTIVITY! SOMETHING'S CAUSED SERIOUS DAMAGE HERE!
AND IT DOESN'T TAKE MY COMPUTER-ENHANCED MIND TO GUESS WHAT CAUSED IT!
LOOK! UP IN THE SKY! IS IT A BADNIK?
RELAX, BUDDY! THAT EX-BADNIK IS ON OUR SIDE, REMEMBER?
GOTTA STOP THIS THING BEFORE IT CAUSES ANY MORE DAMAGE!
KZZAPP!
ZERO RESULT! THIS BADNIK'S ARMOUR MUST BE AS STRONG AS MINE!

LOOKS LIKE WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER ON THIS ONE, SONIC!
JUST AS LONG AS I GET TOP BILLING, PAL!
AMY, YOU AND JOHNNY DISTRACT MEKANIK WHILE WE ATTACK FROM ABOVE!
EASIER SAID THAN DONE! HOW DO WE DISTRACT SOMETHING THAT BIG?
MAYBE IF I CAN FIRE A BOLT IN A SPACE BETWEEN ITS ARMOUR...
GOTCHA!
FWISH!!
RRAAGH!
AMY DID IT! OKAY, SHORTFUSE, LET'S GIVE THIS DUDE A HEADACHE!


CATCH ME ON THE REBOUND, SHORTFUSE! WE'LL ATTACK AGAIN!
SHAKK!
WATCH HIM, SONIC! HE'S FASTER THAN YOU THINK— AAAGHH!
SHORTFUSE!
FWOOSHH!
WORST CASE OF BAD BREATH I'VE EVER SEEN!
I'M NEXT FOR THE TREATMENT, HUH? GUESS THIS IS ONE TIME IT'S GONNA BE HARD TO KEEP A COOL HEAD!
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